

THE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION



Jesse R. Ybarra

The Community Settlement House celebrated the 100 year anniversary in September, 2011. The services provided in the beginning include a volunteer social worker and a paid nurse. During the Depression, it started to receive financial help from the Community Chest. In 1947 a group of volunteers started to build an adobe building on the corner of 14th Street (name of street changed to Martin Luther King Blvd.) and Mariposa Street (name of street changed to Bermuda Street), where The Community Settlement House still stands. New buildings were built with a block grant sometime later. This is where people went to school to learn to speak and read the English Language to become United States Citizens. Other classes offered, such as art, crafts, cooking and prenatal care along with a well baby clinic. Children could get tutoring, toy loans and use a small library located in the building. There were after school activities for Teens. Seniors from the area received help with transportation for medical, legal, social services, and shopping needs. Recreations for Seniors were also available and well appreciated by all. United Way started to fund The Community Settlement House due to all the hard work being done by them. The workers would help people apply for different social services programs offered for them. Mr. Jesse R. Ybarra became Director in 1969, for 22 years he worked very hard to serve the community. He was so instrumental with all the people in giving the community a lot of direction over the years. He worked with the City, County, Police, Health and School Boards. He was a member of many organizations. Retiring in 1981, he is still remembered very fondly by all in the community. His right hand



person was Dorte Anderson; she was such a vital part of the community. She was aware of who needed help and was there for that person. She was a very strong role model for the girls and guided them very well. These two leaders were such a big part of our lives for they were always there for us. Many of us grew up at The Settlement House, it was our second home... We will always remember Mr. Ybarra and Mrs. Anderson for being such a big part of our lives and all the proper teaching skills brought forth to us by them.

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